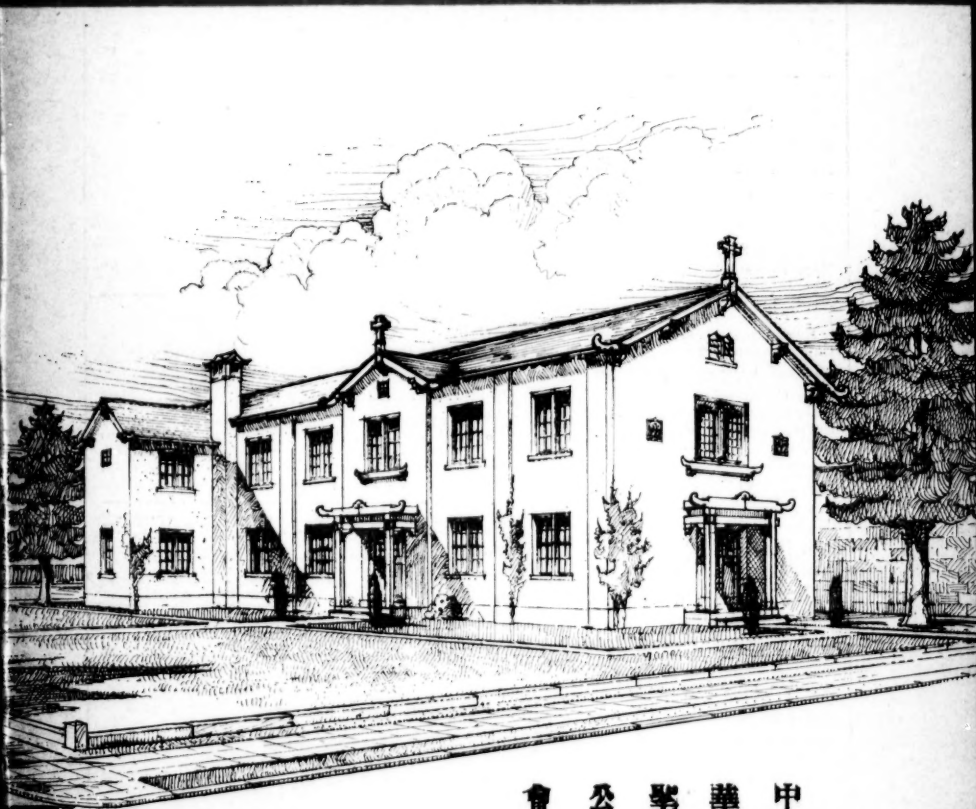


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How Shall We Keep Lent?

By JOSEPH S. DORON

American thinking about world problems has been translated from the passive into the active voice by recent events.

We all want to *do* something.

Shall our activities be confined to Red Cross work? To taking a course in First-Aid? To learning air-raid precautions?

We believe our Lord wants us to do those things, but we are confident He would take us farther than that. The attitudes we develop as we live through this war will determine to a great degree the kind of peace we shall make at its end.

As Christians we are responsible to Him for our witness both visual and vocal. Millions of Americans rarely, if ever, go inside a church. We must help them to acquire something of Christ's outlook—His comprehension of the meaning of life. Incidentally we must strive to get more of it ourselves. If we can do this we shall be less liable to succumb to the

intolerance and hate such as remained from the crucible of the last war to make a mockery of Versailles. We need to become skilled Christians. We need practice in understanding and Christian love, and in the blessed art of implanting it in the lives of others.

As skilled Christians we can be of real service to our Lord. Remember He said, "... I will make you to *become* fishers of men." Unskilled labor is a drug on the market. The great need in all fields is for trained men. No longer is it possible for a million men to spring to arms over night—and become an army. All they make is a mob. Casual Christians come under the same category. They cannot be of real service to Christ. Often they only hinder His strategic action.

Lent can be our great opportunity to dedicate ourselves to the task of increasing our spiritual skills. Each of us can do one or more of the following:

1. Keep a definite time of daily prayer. Let it be five minutes or

twenty, but let it be *kept*. An ideal would be to give to God as many minutes as we devote to newspaper and radio.

2. Worship regularly in church. Have we thought of it as the act by which we give to God the highest and to man the best that is in us?

3. Read the Bible. Ask for a Bible Class in order to read more understandingly. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy *mind . . .*"

4. Receive the Holy Communion according to a definite personal rule. ". . . that He may dwell in us and we in Him."

5. Invite a few friends into our homes once a week to talk about current problems and seek a Christian solution; or to study the Church and her teachings. These talks, together with the sermons we hear, should give us the basis for positive conversation at work or in social gatherings. Let us remember that "confidence is as contagious as panic."

6. Pray for people as we meet them or as they come to our minds. Pray for God's will to be done. Then be sure we are willing for Him to use us to do it. "And here we offer . . . ourselves . . . to be a living sacrifice."

7. Call on those of our neighbors who never go to church and invite them to go with us. See if we can get at least one candidate for confirmation. Be enthusiastic about our Church.

Other means of Christian witness will occur to us as we increase our spiritual capacity. Be alert. Today presents an unparalleled opportunity.

The arresting confession of a nation's attitude to the claims of God, uttered by an English clergyman in his church at Bourne-mouth, England, may be used to call us all to repentance while yet there is time:

"We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing—now the seashores are barred; no picnics, no bathing.

"We have preferred motor travel to church going—now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

"We have ignored the ringing of the church bells calling us to worship—now the bells cannot ring except to warn of invasion.

"We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshippers—now they are in ruins.

"We would not listen to the way of peace—now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

"The money we would not give to the Lord's work—now is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

"The food for which we forgot to say 'thanks'—now is unobtainable.

"The service we refused to give to God—now is conscripted for the country.

"Lives we refused to live under God's control—now are under the nation's control.

"Nights we would not spend in 'watching unto prayer'—now are spent in anxious air raid precautions.

"The evils of modernism we would not fight—now, see what Germany, the seat of this teaching, has produced."

Jan Yat Kwong and Ng Gee Ching

By LORING A. SCHULER

Both, in spite of their unfamiliar spelling as *Jan Yat Kwong* and *Ng Gee Ching*, are well and favorably known in the Diocese of California. For thirty-five years, lacking only a few months, they have been closely associated. Mention one, and inevitably you must think of the other. Together they have done a magnificent work for Americanization — for Christianity. They have trained bilingualists, teachers; many of their graduates are in the heroic army defending China.

A clue to their identity: *Yat* means Sun. *Kwong* means Shining, or Shine. *Jan* means True. And *Ng* is Cantonese for our English Five, which, re-translated to Mandarin, becomes *Wu*.

That makes it easy: *Jan Yat Kwong* is True Sunshine Mission. *Ng Gee Ching* is the Rev. Daniel Gee Ching Wu.

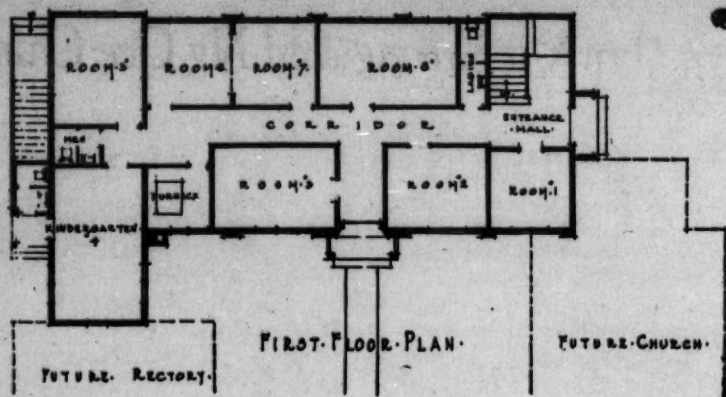
The sketch on the front cover of this issue of THE PACIFIC CHURCHMAN shows the new home of True Sunshine Mission, Oakland, construction of which began early this year. The drawings on the following pages are floor plans of the new building, providing accommodations more nearly commensurate with the Christian work which is done by Mr. Wu and his associates.

It is this new building that has

been selected to be named in honor of Miss Grace Lindley, former Executive Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary to the National Council, and women in dioceses throughout the United States are now being given the opportunity to furnish rooms in the Mission as their testimonial of esteem and affection for Miss Lindley.

The stories of True Sunshine Mission and Mr. Wu are so closely intertwined as to be actually one. The beginning goes back to the earliest years of this century, when Deaconess Emma B. Drant, then of St. Elizabeth's Mission House, Honolulu, offered to pay a dollar an hour for lessons in the Chinese language. Her offer was quickly taken up by a young teacher of Confucianism, who welcomed not only the opportunity to earn big round American dollars but also the instruction in English that the Deaconess gave him as added pay.

Ng Gee Ching had been brought up, in his native China, to suspect and to hate all Christians. In Honolulu he was the leader of a group of young Chinese whose chief purpose was to confute the teachings of Christ. But when Deaconess Drant invited him to attend the Sunday School at St. Elizabeth's Mission he agreed immediately; it would give him, he thought, more ammunition for his attacks. He became a regular attendant at both



Sunday School and Church services.

But his wily plans worked out in an unexpected way. Instead of the arguments he sought against Christianity, he found his Confucianism utterly confounded. Ng Gee Ching became a Christian, and with his new knowledge of English he took on new work as an interpreter and as a teacher in the Mission's night school. He was baptized in 1904, and at that time took the Christian name Daniel.

Meanwhile, Deaconess Drant had returned to San Francisco, where, in 1905, she opened the True Sunshine Mission—Jan Yat Kwong—for the big Chinese population. "The Deaconess brought with her," said the Rev. D. O. Kelley in his History of the Diocese of California, "a good knowledge of the language." She had had a good teacher.

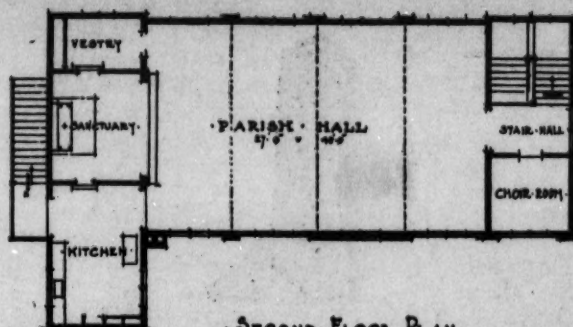
The fire of 1906 destroyed the Mission in San Francisco, but Deaconess Drant followed the homeless Chinese across the Bay to Oakland, and while her follow-

ers camped along the shores of Lake Merritt she set up a branch of True Sunshine in a little store. And then she sent to Honolulu for her former teacher and pupil.

Three days after Daniel Ng arrived in San Francisco, on July 12, 1907, he began teaching in the Mission school. Almost immediately, too, he enrolled in the Church Divinity School, from which he was graduated with honors in 1912, and he took charge of both of the True Sunshine Missions, in San Francisco and in Oakland, when he was made priest in 1913.

His surname, Ng, was bothersome to new American friends. Although it is pronounced exactly as it is spelled—like *ing* without the *i*—people accustomed to vowel sounds could not master its throaty consonants. But the same ideograph that is *Ng* in Cantonese is *Wu* in Mandarin. Wu was a name that Americans could pronounce. Daniel Gee Ching Ng became Daniel G. C. Wu.

True Sunshine Mission, Oakland, remained in its little store for



- SECOND FLOOR PLAN -

about a year. Then a small house was taken, and in 1914 the present building on Sixth street was purchased. There it has been for nearly thirty years, while classes and services have grown and increasing work has been hampered by crowded quarters. As long ago as 1929, the equipment was described as "an old house, rather shabby; no credit to the Diocese."

The new building, at the corner of Ninth and Madison streets, has been appropriately designed with a slight Oriental flavor in its architecture. As the plans show, there will be a large parish hall, to be used for the Mission's schools and various social activities, and also, until some time later when a chapel may also be erected, for the services of the Church. On this floor, too, will be the vestry and kitchen. On the lower floor there will be eight classrooms, including a kindergarten.

For land and building, the National Council and the United Thank Offering of the Women's Auxiliary have given \$20,000 and the California branch of the Women's Auxiliary has pledged the \$2,500 needed, because of the

wartime rise in costs, to complete the building. In spite of restrictions on most building materials, good friends of the Chinese in the Diocese have assured that construction will be completed.

The furnishing of the parish hall, the sanctuary, vestry, kitchen and classrooms is being offered to other branches of the Women's Auxiliary in dioceses throughout the nation, and in each room it is planned to place a suitable inscription.

The record of the past in True Sunshine Mission, Oakland, has been superb. Thousands of young American-born Chinese have been taught the speech and the customs of their ancestors, and Mr. Wu considers this instruction the most important wedge in the introduction of Christianity into Chinese homes. Young and older people have also been taught English. And always, along with the language classes, in the well-attended Sunday School and Church services, religious training has been forcefully driven home.

"We have been able to do much before," says Mr. Wu. "We shall do even more now."



Ninety-Second Convention

By THE REV. JOHN COMPTON LEFFLER

Rector, St. Luke's Church, San Francisco

Our first war-time Convention is over, and we shall remember it as the most peaceful and united in several years. When we planned a two and one-half day Convention it was with the expectation that honest division of opinion over the revision of Constitution and Canons to be completed at this session, would take much extra time. That it did not was due both to the thoroughness of the work of the Committee on Canons under the chairmanship of Dean Shires, and to the obvious desire of the Convention to achieve unity of conviction as quickly as possible.

Bishop Block's address at the opening service was a masterly presentation of the nature of the Church's task in a world at war. In the opinion of many it was the most statesmanlike utterance he has yet given us and demonstrated his capacity for clear thinking and

realistic strategy. The Bishop also proved to be an exceedingly able presiding officer, having gotten over the "buck fever" which was evidenced at times last year, and to which new Bishops as well as new Army officers apparently are equally susceptible!

Revision of Manual

The tiresomely important task of finishing the revision of Constitution and Canons took all of the first afternoon. The major action concerned the representation of women in the Convention. The complicated Constitutional Amendment, which passed its first reading last year and which would have made the House of Churchwomen a second house of Convention with full legislative powers, was defeated on second reading. In its place there was passed for its first reading a new Amendment

making it mandatory upon each parish and mission to elect one woman delegate among its representatives to Convention. Judging by the near unanimity with which this was passed, there is every probability that it will become law at the next Convention. The House of Churchwomen would continue its important function as at present.

One other Amendment of importance is the provision for proportional representation of parishes and missions. Instead of the five delegates as at present, the new legislation grants two delegates to each parish or mission and one additional delegate for each major fraction of one hundred communicants above an initial one hundred. The top limit for a mission will be three delegates; for a parish, seven.

Joint Session

The Joint Session with the House of Churchwomen on Tuesday morning was the best in the experience of your reporter. As always, however, there was too much and one must confess to a degree of mental and spiritual indigestion. It always seems unfair to those who come late on the program to have to contend with the fatigue and hunger of their listeners!

The two "incomparables" in Diocesan Social Service work, Mrs. J. O. Lincoln of St. Dorothy's Rest, and the Reverend Henry Ohlhoff of Canon Kip Community Center, led off with two of the finest reports on record; they set a standard for the session which

handicapped those who followed. Henry Ohlhoff not only demonstrated his ability as the speediest reader in the Diocese, but managed to control his "asides" with a masterly degree of self-control! We see altogether too little of this remarkable man who, when the rest of us are forgotten, will still be remembered as the finest and most unusual servant of Christ our generation has produced on this Coast, if not anywhere.

Other high points of the Joint Session were: the report of the College Work Commission by the Rev. Henry B. Thomas, who finally got unglued from the microphone and used the entire platform and his ample voice to convince us that the Diocese is aware of the opportunity in our numerous educational institutions; the excellent account of the arduous task of the Army and Navy Commission by its Chairman, the Rev. Frederick H. Avery; the brief but inspiring talk by the President of the House of Churchwomen, Mrs. Norman B. Livermore who, incidentally is one of the few really top-flight women orators of the Church; and greetings from the famous "Tubby" Clayton, Rector of All Hallows, London, and founder and moving spirit of the world-wide young men's organization known as Toc-H. The British Consul General, Mr. Fisher, also brought his greetings.

"And So Forth"

The final session, as usual, was marked by the slow dribbling away of the delegates until adjournment around five o'clock. But some

things of importance were done. Elections for the Synod were completed after two ballots on the *de luxe* voting machines which were not so "infernal" as last year, and one "ballot of impatience" by *viva voce* vote. The other elections had previously gone through with a miraculously complete acceptance of the findings of the Nominating Committee. Few resolutions were offered, but one which was accepted without dissenting vote was a call to our people to exercise justice and fair play to alien minorities of enemy countries and assuring the Vicar and people of Christ Japanese Mission of our sympathetic understanding and confidence in their loyalty.

The Convention Dinner

As things worked out, the dinner of Tuesday night proved to be the closing event of the Ninety-second Convention. And a great and moving climax it was!

The three hundred people there forgot the obvious inadequacies of the dining hall and the possibility of a blackout, in the fascination of the program. Father Thomas did a good job as toastmaster in spite of his tendency to be addicted to the vice of most toastmasters: too

much speaking! Both Bishop Parsons at the beginning and Bishop Block at the end spoke with humor and inspiring insight.

But the great experience of the evening was the privilege of listening to the three clergymen in charge of our oriental work. The Rev. Placido Palmejar, newly arrived to undertake the first mission to Filipinos in the Episcopal Church in America, started this inspiring trilogy with a call to Christ which was moving in its evangelical appeal and spiritual power. The Rev. Joseph Tsukamoto, priest in charge of our Japanese work, was "on the spot" as few men ever are. Your reporter has never heard a more inspired utterance than his and one could not but wish that all our people could have seen his face and heard his words. The beloved patriarch of oriental work, Daniel Wu, closed the trilogy with an account of his long service to Christ among the Chinese of the Bay Region.

Nowhere else in the Church could such an experience be had. In the midst of a war-wracked world, it was a harbinger of a better world to find thus, within the fellowship of Christ, all barriers broken down.

. . .

Can You Pray in War-Time?

Father of mercies and God of all comforts, who in the affliction of Thy children art doubly afflicted; look with pity upon all who are suffering in this time of international strife. Protect the defenseless, heal the wounded, receive the dying, encourage the anxious, and comfort the bereaved. Turn the hearts of those who hate, we beseech Thee; and forgive all those at war for the sin that hath brought this anguish on mankind. Open up a way of reconciliation, and lead us into the path of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Forward Day-by-Day.

Thirty-Seventh Convention of the House of Churchwomen

The thirty-seventh Convention of the House of Churchwomen of the Diocese of California was called to order by the President, Mrs. Norman B. Livermore, in the Gold Room of the Fairmont Hotel, Monday, January 26th, following the opening service in Grace Cathedral. After registration of the parishes and the singing of Hymn 445, Mrs. Livermore gave the opening prayers and then extended greetings to the delegates.

After necessary preliminaries Mrs. A. R. Matthews was elected secretary-treasurer of the House of Churchwomen, and Mrs. Livermore was elected representative of the House of Churchwomen on the Diocesan Council. Mrs. Marius Lindloff's beautiful offertory solo, accompanied by Mrs. Stone, was followed by a presentation of the work of the Provincial and Diocesan groups, under the leadership of Mrs. Sumner Walters, program chairman.

Departing from the routine reading of reports, the activities of the youth organizations were presented through pageantry by the following young people's groups in the Church: Saint Margaret's House, College Workers, Junior Daughters of the King, the Junior Altar Guild, the Acolytes' and Servers' Guild, the Junior Choirs and the House of Young Churchmen. Miss Frances Young, director of Religious Education, then explained that all of these groups

of young people were coordinated into a National Youth Movement, including all young people from 14 to 25.

The afternoon session was opened by our beloved Mrs. Lincoln, who gave one of her usual helpful meditations.

At the roll call of auxiliaries, fifty-six were represented.

As President of the California Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Livermore read her report for 1941, explaining the details of the successful reorganization which had taken place between the House of Churchwomen and the Woman's Auxiliary, whereby a great deal of duplication of effort and work had been eliminated. She credited the advance and growth of all departments to her able staff of diocesan officers, but a word of praise for Mrs. Livermore's splendid leadership must be added here.

Mrs. Jerome Politzer, diocesan chairman of Missions, presented a program of Racial Work in the Diocese. Her first speaker, Mr. Placido Palmejar, spoke of the successful beginnings of work among the Filipinos and of future plans to be carried through under Bishop Block's guidance. The activities of St. Augustine's Mission, of Christ Church-Japanese, of True Sunshine, San Francisco, Saint Cyprian's and of True Sunshine, Oakland, were all reported by their own representatives.

Mrs. Kroll, chairman of the special committee for raising the \$2,500 to complete the first unit of the new True Sunshine Mission, told of plans for the building and informed the parishes that they would learn further details from their convocational chairmen.

Mrs. A. R. Matthews, the newly elected treasurer, gave a short explanation of her report and was followed by Mrs. Hammond, the United Thank Offering custodian, who reported the 1941 amount as \$4,724.

Mrs. John W. Nichols, newly appointed chairman of Prayer Partnership, told briefly of the history of the work and hoped for enlarged parish interest, especially for those missionaries in the war zones.

Mrs. H. E. Woodward, National President of the G. F. S., gave an inspirational talk to the Convention, challenging the women of the Church to bring tolerance, love, understanding and fellowship into their group and community work.

Following the joint session on Tuesday morning, the afternoon session was opened by a prayer offered by Reverend John Leffler. In his message to the Convention he urged the women of the Church to be more kindly and tolerant toward the Japanese in our midst and to refrain from repeating unverified rumors.

Mrs. Vera P. Millis, diocesan secretary of Christian Education, was in charge of the program, introducing Professor John C. Bennett as main speaker of the after-

noon. His scholarly analysis of "Christian Roots of Democracy" was enlightening to all who had the privilege of hearing him.

The Convention then divided into three discussion groups: (1) "The Christian Family Life"; (2) "Christian Attitudes in Time of War" and (3) "Christian World Order," led by Professor and Mrs. Elmer A. Fridell, Mrs. June R. Lucas, Reverend Randolph C. Miller, and Miss Frances Young.

Mrs. Livermore then introduced the wives of the clergy new in the Diocese.

The reading of the Memorial list followed and included the names of three past presidents: Mrs. A. L. McLeish, Mrs. L. C. Lance, Mrs. D. S. Lloyd Jones, whose lives so greatly enriched the work in this Diocese.

Mrs. Politzer, chairman of the Pew Committee, then told Bishop Parsons of the pew in Grace Cathedral, given in his honor and in memory of Mrs. Parsons by the women of the Diocese.

Bishop Parsons, in closing, expressed his appreciation of the tribute tendered Mrs. Parsons and himself. In his brief message, he urged the women to be steadfast in their church work and not to lose their faith and hope for a better world. After the benediction, the 1942 Convention of the House of Churchwomen was declared adjourned.

BEATRICE S. MATTHEWS,
Secretary.

MILDRED F. VERLEGER,
Assistant Secretary.

House of Young Churchmen Convention

By ROBERT DARWALL

There was a renewal of spirit and a certain tenacity of purpose that was pervasive over the Seventh Annual Convention of the House of Young Churchmen held at St. Francis' Church, San Francisco, on January 24th and 25th, for as Bishop Block observed in his after dinner address, that since the Pearl Harbor incident, the young people have become of greater significance, because, for the most part, it is the young people of today who are doing the actual fighting of this war, and the winning and fulfilling of the peace to follow will rest mainly on their shoulders.

The Convention was opened on Saturday afternoon with a short service after which the Rev. Mr. Veazie, the host, gave a word of welcome. Anderson Thomas, President of the H. Y. C., for the past year, introduced the Rev. Walter Williams, the advisor, who explained to the representatives of the young people of the Diocese the meaning and purpose of the House of Young Churchmen. He pointed out that the H. Y. C. is composed of groups of cells (all types and kinds of young peoples' organizations in the Church) and that these cells working together made up the H. Y. C.; it is through their corporate activity that they are able to further a program among Church young people which would not be possible for any cell in itself to carry out. The President then introduced the speaker of the

afternoon, the Rev. John C. Leffler, who presented and developed the theme of the Convention, "Worship." He pointed out that worship is not merely a passive action, and then presented three fundamentals of Christian Worship: first, worship takes an effort on our part and we can't just pray when we feel like it; second, worship is a function of God's will and not our own, and God needs us to carry out his purposes just as much as we need Him; and third, that worship is a two-way line, us to God and God to us. At the conclusion of his address Mr. Leffler emphasized the point that worship is the stimulating power necessary for Christian action.

After Mr. Leffler's talk the Convention broke up into four discussion groups, each of which was divided into two sections, one for those in high school, and one for high school graduates. The groups were led by young people who were members of the "Flying Squad," assisted by an advisor. The discussion groups covered the topics of "Why Be a Christian," "A Rule of Life," "What Can Young People Do," and "The Purpose of Prayer."

Following a delicious dinner served in the St. Francis' Parish Hall, Bishop Block gave his annual address to the young people. He commended the work of the "Flying Squad" and then proceeded to explain the position and problems

that confront the young people in the world today. He pointed out that we must now prepare ourselves to meet the situation which will arise after hostilities have ceased, and that we cannot hope to meet these situations without an extraordinary devotion to Christ, for we cannot possibly hope to achieve our ends if we do not put ourselves at the foot of His Altar. He gave us as a preliminary project the proposal that we should through this coming Lent strive to attend the early Communion Service every Sunday, and he explained that such conscientious action could not help but bring a greater dynamic to our lives, and the observance of such action could not help but move others.

After the Bishop's message the reports of various committees were given. Among the many reports was an excellent one given by the Committee of Christian Education, at which time a bibliography of books pertaining to Christian youth prepared by the committee was given out, along with a booklet of prayers and projects prepared by a committee on the religious activities of the House of Young Churchmen in war-time. The Saturday session closed with a Service of Compline, after which those who had come from a distance were provided hospitality by the parishioners of St. Francis' Church.

The Sunday session was opened

with a Service of Holy Communion, followed by breakfast, more reports, and the election of officers. The results of the election were: President, Charles Worth of St. Paul's Church, Oakland; Vice-President, Don George of St. Paul's Church, Burlingame; and Secretary, Connie Coffin of St. Paul's Church, San Rafael. Council members for the year, in addition to the officers are: Jean Hodgkinson of Holy Innocents, San Francisco; Kinsey Gray of St. Francis' Church, San Francisco; Agnes McKechnie of St. Clement's Church, Berkeley; Sue Neudeck of Trinity Church, Hayward; Anderson Thomas of St. Paul's Church, Oakland; Cletus Krag of the Church of St. Matthew, San Mateo; Beverley Conner of Trinity Church, San Jose; Gertrude McGlinchey of St. Paul's Church, Salinas; and Charles Hicks of Grace Cathedral.

After the elections the Convention attended the Morning Service at St. Francis', the preacher for the morning being the Rev. Henry P. Veazie, who presented the practical relevance of Christianity to the chaotic world today, a topic which followed through with the general theme of the Convention. Also during the Service the new officers were installed by Mr. Veazie. Lunch and a summary brought the Convention to a close, and the gavel was handed over to the new President.

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The closing words of the *Te Deum*, "Let us never be confounded," really mean "Let us never be fooled!"



The Future Begins Today

By FREDERICK H. AVERY

The increased responsibilities which face the Army and Navy Commission of the Diocese as the year 1942 begins, call for greater strength within the Commission itself. A year ago the Diocese faced the fact that huge numbers of young men had suddenly entered training within the borders of the Diocese. At the same time, hundreds of volunteers and selectees were leaving parishes of the Diocese to enter training elsewhere. With the involved problems that situation created, it has been met fairly successfully by the Commission and the parishes and missions of the Diocese. Several hundred follow-up cards have gone from parishes to the office of the Army and Navy Commission, and from there to Chaplains and adjacent parishes, introducing young Churchmen in the service of the Nation, and deprived of home associations.

Parishes and Missions Respond

Throughout the Diocese, par-

ishes and missions adjacent to military cantonments have carried on splendid work for the young men who could be reached. Rectors and vicars of such churches gladly offered their services to commanding officers in such capacities as they might serve. At Camp Roberts, where 26,000 men were stationed, and no Episcopal Chaplain was assigned, the Rev. Lloyd Thomas of St. James' Church, Paso Robles, has regularly celebrated the Holy Communion at one of the camp chapels with the full approval and encouragement of the Roman Catholic post Chaplain. In San Luis Obispo the Rev. Bertram Bleil has served for many months as a civilian Chaplain among the men of adjoining Camp San Luis Obispo, and has won the commendation of Col. Bull, the commanding officer. The Rev. Alan Geddes of All Saints', Watsonville, is offering the services of the Church to the men of Camp McQuaide, where no Chaplain of the Army is assigned. These are only three examples of

many, and if space permitted, almost an entire issue of *The PACIFIC CHURCHMAN* could be devoted to their story.

Cooperative Strength

In order that the story of such activities may be recorded, and help may be given in the future where it is needed, the Army and Navy Commission now proposes a radical change in its organization for 1942. In addition to the Commission itself, which consists largely of clergy, the new plan will include at least one lay representative in every parish and mission in the Diocese. This lay representative will relieve the clergyman in charge, of much of the responsibility for Army and Navy work. He or she can immediately inform the Diocesan Commission of emergency needs, and instances where the Commission can be of assistance. In addition this representative would automatically represent the Commission in the local Church during the campaign for the Army and Navy Commission of the Episcopal Church. As these representatives are appointed, they, as well as the clergy, will be informed of the activities of the Commission, by letter and through the medium of the regular Bulletin of the Army and Navy Commission. It is the hope of the Commission that most of the persons selected to act in this capacity will be fathers and mothers of young men in the Service. Obviously, they are the group most directly interested in the fundamental purpose of the Commission, which is to give to young

men in the Service the privileges and ministrations of their own Church wherever they may be.

It is scarcely necessary to point out that the situation which confronts this Diocese during 1942 is vastly more serious than that of a year ago. Today the Diocese of California is not merely a training area; it is a military area. It will undoubtedly continue to be a training area also. The registration and selection of thousands of additional men in February multiplies our tasks in proportion to the numbers moving from civilian to military life. But added to this is the fact that a trained Army, Navy and Marine Corps is now actively engaged in the actual defense of that area which we know as the Diocese of California. Deployed in every section of the Diocese, they must somehow be offered whatever spiritual, friendly services our churches can provide. In addition to this, another self-sacrificing group of men, the State Guard, must be offered similar opportunities. The task is almost staggering in its immensity.

National Church Will Help

On Tuesday, December 9th, the following message was received by the Chairman of the Army and Navy Commission of the Diocese of California: "Is there anything that we can do for you and your colleagues in this emergency? This Commission stands ready to assist you in any way we can do so. (Signed) Henry B. Washburn." There was grinness and assurance

in that message. With our country at war, additional thousands of young soldiers were in our midst, along every highway, at every bridge and tunnel, on hillsides and beaches, about the grim business of defending our Pacific Coast. The message was assurance that in the emergency which confronts the Church in the West, the Church throughout the Nation was ready to assist. That assistance will be forthcoming only after the Army and Navy Commission of the Episcopal Church, which the Army and Navy Commission of the Diocese of California represents here, has secured the funds necessary to carry on with the work. The uses to which the money raised will be put are many. It will provide our Chaplains with portable Altars and Communion Sets. It will produce prayer books to be distributed to soldiers and sailors. It will give Chaplains, and in some instances the clergy of small parishes, monthly discretionary funds with which to assist young men in the Service, by meeting emergency travel expenses, and keeping them in touch with their families. It will also be used to meet urgent requests for help from parishes and missions near Army Posts. Overwhelmed by new responsibilities, some of these churches require additional clergy and lay workers to welcome the men into normal par-

ish life and into the homes of the parishioners.

Bishop Sherrill to Visit Diocese

In order to introduce and explain these needs, the Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill, D.D., Bishop of Massachusetts, and Chairman of the national Army and Navy Commission, will meet with the clergy of this Diocese on Monday, February 23rd, at the Cathedral House. Sunday, March 8th, has been designated as the day on which the offering for the purpose is to be received. It is the hope of your Army and Navy Commission that this Diocese, aware of the tremendous task ahead of us, will make a generous contribution to the fund.

The Future Begins Today

It cannot be said too often that the Army and Navy Commission, in all that it does, has but one objective: to offer the message of Christ and His Church to the multitudes of young men upon whom has fallen the burden of today's war. What the Church means to them now will influence what they will mean to the Church and to the world when they are the leaders in years to come. The establishment of a new world in which His Kingdom is more nearly realized, cannot wait until this war has ended. It must begin today.

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God and Mammon

An example of the hysteria among those who call themselves Christians is the story of the Church member who cancelled her pledge to the Church so that she could give all her money for national defense.

Prepare Now for a Good Lent

A CHECK LIST

1. Order a copy of the Presiding Bishop's book for Lent, "NOT BY BREAD ALONE" (written by Dean Angus Dun; published by Harpers). Copies may be obtained from your bookseller, or The Church Book Shop, 83 McAllister St., San Francisco (\$1.50 each; \$1.25 when ten or more copies are ordered).

2. Form or join a discussion group to meet weekly in Lent and consider together a chapter of the Presiding Bishop's Lenten book, or subjects related thereto. Order the Leader's Guide to "NOT BY BREAD ALONE" (10 cents, from Forward in Service, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York). For further information on the conduct of study or discussion groups, see pamphlet, "Forward in Lent," issued from 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

3. Get copies of the following inexpensive devotional literature for your own use at home, and see that copies are available for wide distribution at your parish church: War-Time Prayers (10 or more copies, 1¢ each); The Signal (prayers for the sick and troubled; 10 or more, 1¢ each); In God's Hands (by the Archbishop of York; 30¢ a dozen); Our Home (a 16-page booklet of plans for family worship; 5 or more, 3¢

each); Good Treasure (daily readings for a month from the writings of saints of the ages; 5¢ each); "The Practice of the Presence of God" (Brother Lawrence's famous devotional classic; 5 or more copies, 5¢ each); "Forward—Day by Day" (Lenten issue of daily readings and prayers for Lent; 3¢ a copy). All of these pamphlets may be had from The Forward Movement, Sharon, Penn.

4. Arrange, or take part in, the following proposals for Lenten observance in parishes and missions: (a) Mid-week services and instructions; (b) Quiet half-days (for men, women or youth); (c) All-day conferences; (d) Prayer circles.

5. Form or join a planning group to consider suggestions in the book, "OUR PARISH IN ACTION" (Forward in Service, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York; 25¢).

6. Call on others during Lent, in the spirit of Christian friendship.

7. Voluntarily deny yourself unnecessary expenses, luxuries, etc., devoting the money to a Lenten mite box, United Thank-offering box, missionary or other church funds.

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Civilian Defense and the Local Parish

In England, the main support of morale for civilian defense lies in the work of the churches and clergy. At first, the clergy had to fight for their rights, for there was no special permission provided for their free movement. When the clergy appeared on the streets and among the wounded, it was soon discovered that hysteria decreased and morale was built up.

This country is slow to learn, and in many localities the clergy are cooped up during blackouts, unless they happen to be wardens. But in one locality in the East Bay, the clergy have been requested to give up all regular civilian defense posts, and they have been *provided with police arm-bands which give them the right to go wherever they are needed as priests, pastors, and rabbis.* They cooperate with the chief of police and keep in constant touch with him through the chairman of their special committee. When there is an actual air-raid, they will do what they can on the streets and walk to the nearest hospital station to work among the wounded and dying. This can be done in any community that is well organized, provided the clergy will seek out the proper authorities and indicate ways in which they can serve.

Due to the Japanese practice of making attacks when Christians are in Church and other Americans are sleeping, it is wise to have an air-raid warden for each congregation. In case of a Sunday attack, all regular wardens will leave Church and

go to their posts. Others in the congregation will be forbidden to leave, and they should be under the supervision of a warden appointed for that particular task and fully trained.

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Around the Diocese

By G. H. B. WRIGHT

Dean Wright of Grace Cathedral will be the speaker at the opening Lenten Noonday Service at the Merchants Exchange Building, California Street, near Montgomery, on Ash Wednesday, February 18th at 12:25 to 12:55 noon. These services will be held every Wednesday during Lent at the same time, and every day during Holy Week except Saturday. Both men and women are cordially invited.

Boy Scout Service Planned

Union Boy Scout Services in observance of National Boy Scout Sunday, February 8th, will be held in Grace Cathedral for the city of San Francisco, and at St. Paul's Church, Oakland, for the East Bay.

The Cathedral will play host to all the Protestant Church boy scout troops of San Francisco at the four o'clock afternoon service on that day. The boys, led by a drum and bugle corps, will march up California Street to attend the service. Canon Craine is in charge of arrangements and will deliver the address.

For the service at St. Paul's, the Rev. Walter Williams has been in charge of the arrangements. The service will be held at 3:30 p. m.

The Church and scouting have always had much in common, in their mutual interest in the spiritual and physical development of

boys. The Episcopal Church is taking a position of leadership in recognizing this relationship, and in emphasizing the fact that Church Scout Troops are a real part of the life of any parish.

Bishop to Address World Day of Prayer

Bishop Block is scheduled as the speaker for the World Day of Prayer to be held at Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco, Friday, February 20, at 1:30 p. m. This observance is sponsored by the National Committee of Churchwomen and is set annually for the first Friday of Lent. The theme is "I am the Way" and the prayer service begins at 12 noon.

Cathedral to Display Flags

The Cathedral is anxious to display the five flags under which the State of California has been governed, along with the Church flag recently adopted by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. These flags shall be permanently displayed in the Cathedral. It is possible that patriotic societies might be interested in assisting in securing these.

Plain Speaking on Religion

"It would be hard to conceive of a clearer, plainer-speaking introduction to the practices of religion than this," say the publishers of

the Presiding Bishop's book for Lent, "NOT BY BREAD ALONE," by Dr. Angus Dun, Dean of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.

"Worship, prayer, the Church, the sacraments, and truly Christian living in response to the Highest are explained in terms of what they can mean to ordinary people.

"The way to use this book is to devote one week to each chapter, making provision for giving each the attention ordinarily given to important secular problems. 'NOT BY BREAD ALONE', so used, will be a competent, friendly guide to the devotional life, pointing out the

values and meanings to be found along the way."

Harper & Brothers are the publishers of this Lenten book, which may be obtained through local booksellers, from the Church Book Shop, San Francisco, or from 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Church Divinity School

The second half of the year began on January 5th, with the semi-annual Quiet Day led by Dean Thomas Wright of Grace Cathedral.

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During the Christmas holidays, Dean Shires attended the meeting

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of the Theological Commission, including the Deans of all Episcopal seminaries at St. Louis, for the formulation of policies for theological education.

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The famous Earl Lectures at the Pacific School of Religion will be given on February 17-18-19. The main speaker will be Professor Robert L. Calhoun of Yale, author of "God and the Common Life." Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins and Dr. H. Shelton Smith will be the other speakers at the pastoral conference.

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The war in the Pacific has saved the school one faculty member. The Rev. Arnold Nash was scheduled to sail for Hongkong, to become Dean of the Cathedral there; and now his trip is indefinitely postponed. He remains Vicar at Centerville and on the faculty.

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The lot behind the school on Le Conte has been purchased, due to the gift of \$5,000 from Grace Cathedral. This property will be used for the erection of a dormitory as soon as funds are available.

Saint Margaret's House

During the Christmas holidays, the Dean made a tour of the Northwest, visiting Seattle, Spokane, Walla Walla, Portland and Eugene, meeting officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, addressing young people in parishes and giving talks before the girls of our Church Schools, Saint Paul's, Walla Walla, and Saint Helen's Hall, Portland. The moving picture, made for the

house by Mr. Robert S. MacCollister, has been shown many times and is always of interest.

Classes were resumed, after the holidays, on January 5th.

Rev. Charles R. Greenleaf Resigns

It is with a feeling of real regret that St. John's Church, Ross, has accepted the resignation of the Rev. Charles R. Greenleaf. Mr. Greenleaf has been ill for sometime and made the decision for a temporary retirement in order to insure chances for a more complete recovery.

Trinity, Oakland, Increases Social Center Activities

The emergency has brought to Trinity, Oakland, and its Center added responsibilities and opportunities. The gymnasium has been opened to the neighborhood as a center for Red Cross activities and large numbers of people meet there constantly. The Rev. Marcus B. Hitchcock, Rector, has taken an active leadership in Civilian Defense work and Trinity bids fair to become increasingly active as a neighborhood center.

Trinity Center, under the direction of the Rector and Miss Anna Clark, is being ably assisted by 13 young women of the University of California, who are working with groups of children. One young woman from Mills College is teaching modern dancing, three women are helping in girls' work, and four other women assist with the clothing bureau. All of these persons are receiving training a number of

hours each week under the direction of Miss Clark before they begin their work in the Center. These women and young ladies come from many different parishes in the Convocation of Oakland.

This work is drawing the interest and support of increasingly large numbers of parishes in the Diocese. The Center is at present serving a dozen activities that are not normally carried on in regular parish work.

Basketball Play Starts

The Episcopal Church Basketball League got off to a flying start at Trinity Church gymnasium, Oakland, in January. With six teams

entered, enthusiasm ran high. For the first time every team will be completely uniformed this year. First games resulted in the following scores:

Grace Cathedral, 29; Trinity, Oakland, 34; St. Clement's, 49; Trinity, 58; St. Mark's, Berkeley, 16; St. Francis, 32; St. Andrew's, 25; Grace Cathedral, 35.

The teams present a better balance than in past seasons, although Trinity and St. Francis are the early season favorites. Trinity, with a veteran team, has been smooth in winning its first two games. The referee this year is Mack Leabo of the Church Divinity School. Games are played every Friday night.

Prayer and War

Prayer, as we learn more of it, becomes more and more the expression of our trust in God, for all for whom we pray, ourselves included. Many people are puzzled by the quite clear teaching of Christ that we should pray for our enemies. As far as I can judge, the whole difficulty arises from the supposition that if we pray for anyone we must ask God to give him what he wishes to receive. But whether we pray for friends or for enemies, our chief prayer must be that in and among them God's Name may be hallowed, His Kingdom come, and His Will be done; and any particular benefit for which we ask is brought in as part of the fulfillment of that fundamental request.—*Archbishop Temple in "In God's Hands"* (pamphlet published by Forward Movement.)

Victory

Jesus sought victory, not death. He found death, but He found victory as well.—*Bishop Parsons in "Victory with Christ."*

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Book Notes

By the Faculty of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific
Edited by RANDOLPH CRUMP MILLER

FAITH AND NURTURE, by H. Shelton Smith (Scribners, \$2.00), is a brilliant challenge to all religious educators. It states the religious implications of left-wing educational leaders, and compares them with a more conservative outlook. It is not always clear whether he is criticizing humanists, liberals, or conservatives; but he goes after them all, and it is good destructive criticism. The book is a Religious Book Club selection.

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Edwin Lewis' A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH (Abingdon-Cokesbury, \$2.00) is a statement of the social implications of an intelligent and extremely conservative Protestant theology. If we choose the right heaven (and there is conflict between many heavens), then there will be a City of God which is the city of man. "The Kingdom of God is the Kingdom of Heaven. It is not a human achievement, but a divine gift."

THE ROAD AHEAD, by Lowry Howard of Menlo Junior College (World Book Co.), is an excellent introduction to the problems and meanings of college life. There is a great deal about the art and science of learning, about how to read and study, and about building a philosophy of life which takes account of everything. It has little space for religion, but provides a basis for religion.

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Concerning Étienne Gilson's GOD AND PHILOSOPHY (Yale Univ. Press, \$2.00), Everett Bosshard writes: "This book is a concise but penetrating study of the relationship between the First Principle of metaphysical thought and God from the time of classic Greek philosophy when they were quite distinct to their ultimate reconciliation and identification in Christian philosophy on the basis of the Jewish concept that God is primarily HE WHO IS." It is a bril-

liant example of Catholic philosophical thought.

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Henry Nelson Wieman has written *NOW WE MUST CHOOSE* (Macmillan, \$2.00), which is "a faith for democracy" in terms of his distinctive philosophy of values and religion. "It becomes as plain as Hitler's forelock," he writes, "that the weakness of the democracies . . . sprang from the lack of a unifying drive which could mark out a course of action straight and wide and deep." He finds this faith in the Jewish-Christian tradition, expressed through the work of God as "creative interaction."

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One of the great west coast theologians, John Wright Buckham, has written one of those rare books, mellow with wisdom and age, in a beautiful and philosophical style. *THE INNER WORLD* (Harpers, \$3.50) deals with the members, the structure, and the source of the inner world, and then with how the expansion of that world takes place. It is a book which is well balanced, with many illustrations and quotations to illuminate the argument.

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Look forward to Lent when you can meet with a group of friends weekly and discuss a chapter of the Presiding Bishop's Lenten book, "NOT BY BREAD ALONE." Make sure that enough copies are ordered *now*.

Twenty-five cents a week in Lent is not much to pay for a volume of devotional reading for the entire season of six weeks. Chapter headings of Dean Dun's book, "NOT BY BREAD ALONE," are "Worship as Man's Answer to the Vision of God," "Looking unto God," "Talking with God," "Knit Together in One Communion and Fellowship," "Happy Are They That Hear the Word of God and Answer," "This Is My Body, Which Is Broken for You," "Why Call Ye Me, Lord, Lord, and Do Not the Things That I Say?"

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Bishop Parsons' New Book for Lent

(Editor's note: On January 15, a book for Lenten reading appeared. Written by Bishop Parsons, it is called "*Victory with Christ*," Cloister Press, \$1.00.)

No title for a book could be more timely than *Victory With Christ*. The title strikes right at the heart of present-day Christian thinking, and the theme of the book is reiterated again and again: "*Jesus sought victory, not death. He found death, but he found victory as well.*"

The contents of these brief chapters tell the story of Holy Week. Beginning with the story of Palm Sunday, we gain new insight into the nature of Jesus' mission at every turn. It is the story of Jesus' striving for victory, and he finds that victory can come only through the Cross. This was not an example of foolhardy courage seeking martyrdom. This was the seeking of God's will, the desire for victory for God's kingdom in the world.

This leads inevitably to the Good Friday, and to a series of brief meditations on the Seven Last Words. The Bishop illuminates the passages in terms of their meaning for Jesus and his disciples and in terms of their meaning for us today. The Jesus who had made a great triumphal entry, who had challenged the blind leaders of Jerusalem, who had become more lonely as he sensed the wavering of his friends, who felt the tension of the Last Supper, who with each deed made his death warrant more certain, and who faced his accusers

with unbowed head, finally goes to his death as a criminal.

Even as we meditate on his Seven Last Words, we are convinced that the *last* word has not been said. The assurance of *victory* is already present. The Cross becomes the symbol of the suffering love which is a victory which cannot separate us from the love of God. Here, then, is the eternal theme of the Christian message, writ, large in the events on Calvary, guaranteeing the Resurrection, and showing that the victory of love is present for all generations. Not death, but victory is the theme, and, for Jesus, who sought not death, victory came through his death.

In brief, this is the theme of the book, written as only Bishop Parsons can write. Devotional literature often sinks into sentimentality, but there is no sentimentality here. It often becomes otherworldly, but in this instance the emphasis is on *overcoming* the world. It often ignores social problems, but here is a demand for social justice. It often becomes ecclesiastical in the worst sense, but here is Christ's command that His followers be one. So we find this book avoiding the errors of much devotional literature, and reaching the pinnacles of things of the spirit which devotional literature must have in order to survive.

Victory With Christ, well titled, well written, deeply understanding, is Lenten reading which is a permanent addition to devotional literature.

—RANDOLPH CRUMP MILLER.

The School of Prayer

By CLAUDE E. EMERY

Rector's Warden, Church of the Advent

"For what are men better than sheep or goats,
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those that call
them friend."—*Tennyson*.

A deeper realization of the benefits and proper use of prayer is one of the vital needs in the Church today. With this in mind the Reverend Henry B. Thomas has asked Father Karl Tiedemann, O. H. C., to conduct a "School of Prayer" at the Church of the Advent beginning Sunday, February 8th, at 8 p. m. There will be a preliminary lecture in the Church at this hour followed by informal group discussions and conferences in the Parish Hall. These will be held daily including Friday, February 13th. Informality and simplicity will be the rule with coffee served at the end of each evening.

Father Tiedemann is known as one of the finest directors of prayer and writers of religious articles in the American Church. The Order to which he belongs is among the most powerful in the Episcopal Communion, and is known especially for the management of boys' schools, preaching and conduction of retreats.

It is felt that this teaching and conference period dealing with such an important part of our Faith will act as a continuation of the good work begun in the Every Member Canvass. All are invited whether Episcopalian or not, and it is hoped that the attendance will tax the capacity of the little Church on Fell Street. There is no charge but voluntary offerings will be accepted.

There is never any peace for those who resist God. —*Fenelon*.

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"About People"

By JOHN P. CRAINE

An item of interest was seen in the election of officers by delegates to the House of Young Churchman Convention held on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, for all three officers elected came from parishes bearing the name of St. Paul. The new president, Charles Worth, from St. Paul's, Oakland, the vice-president, Donald George, from St. Paul's, Burlingame, and the secretary, Miss Constance Coffin, is from St. Paul's, San Rafael.

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Many will be interested to learn of a radio program to be conducted on the Wednesday afternoons of Lent at 3:15 over Station KFRC by Miss Helen Barker of Trinity Church, San Francisco. The program is entitled "Religious Symbols in Art" and begins on February 18th. Miss Barker was for many years in charge of the Prayer Book Cross service.

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Bishop Block left January 29th for the meeting of the House of Bishops in Jacksonville, Florida. He will return to the Diocese before the middle of February. Elections seem to be the main item of business to be considered by the House.

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One of the greatest religious leaders of the day, the Rev. P. B. Clayton, Chaplain to the King of England and Vicar of All Hallows,

Tower Hill, London, spoke before the Diocesan Convention and preached at the Cathedral on February 1st. All Hallows, located in the heart of the old city of London, is the oldest parish and parish church in England. The parish was founded and the present church building erected in the year 675, under a plan begun in that year by Archbishop Theodore for the development of parish life. Previous to that time, Cathedrals had been the centers from which the life of the church radiated. The old original church building was bombed in December, 1940. Mr. Clayton is noted for his work among the under-privileged in the old section of London, is founder of Toc H and member of the Companion of Honor. He is at the present time in active service as Senior Chaplain to his country's tanker fleet. He attained prominence for his fine work as a Chaplain in World War I and is affectionately known as Tubby Clayton.

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Miss Margaret Jewel of St. Clement's, Berkeley, obtained many items of native handicraft from our Church Missions, selling them at the annual sale held at that parish. Not only were the Missions aided by these sales, but she gave the commissions which would normally have gone to her towards British Missions and national work.

Here is an idea that might well be copied by other parishes and missions. Each year in the Fall a few missions are contacted and goods bought outright. The proceeds go to buy more goods or, as this year, to other missionary projects. Our congratulations to Miss Jewel for her imagination and energy.

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The visit of Mrs. Harold E. Woodward of St. Louis at Convention time has contributed much to the life of the Diocese. Mrs. Woodward is National President of Girls Friendly.

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An innovation to which the Diocese of California may well lay claim is the holding of annual parish meetings on Sundays following the regular morning service. Many parishes and missions in the Diocese have done this and report great enthusiasm for the plan. Parish luncheons have also been a feature of this, while Trinity, Oakland, went one step further and eliminated the sermon in order to provide time. Started because of the difficulty of holding evening meetings due to the danger of black-outs, this plan may well become a sign of our times.

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A steady stream of Army and Navy Chaplains and men visiting the Diocesan House in search of Prayer books reminds us that we are in the very center of the war area. Thanks to the help of the National Army and Navy Commission, and due to the able leadership of our Diocesan Commission by the Rev. Messrs. Fred Avery and

Walter Williams, much help can be given these men. However, it is a distinct challenge to the people of the Diocese to support the work of this Commission to their fullest capacity. Remember the offering March 8th, and any help before that time will be greatly appreciated.

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Do people read *The PACIFIC CHURCHMAN*? The Rev. J. Lindsay Patton received telephone calls galore about his birth in Japan! The people of St. Alban's brought their copies to the annual dinner to prove what progress they were making. Concerning issues two or three months old, the editors are still getting fan mail. Bishop Block is still bragging about the fact that the College of Preachers like our Diocesan paper best!

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Those who remember with some painfulness old-fashioned Sunday School should go back in these days and visit in the many parishes where religious sound films are being shown. Very excellent pictures are being produced and many parishes already have their own sound projectors. *The PACIFIC CHURCHMAN* intends to feature these shortly.

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Congratulations to St. Clement's on the completion and dedication of the many improvements made on their church building.

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What well known San Francisco clergyman gave up smoking under certain financial constraint and took up chewing gum? The constraint removed, he now finds himself with one extra bad habit.

Odd definitions: St. Margaret's House—Where some girls get their M.A. and others get their M.A.N.

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If you haven't seen it, don't miss the movie "One Foot in Heaven," a Warner Bros. production. You will come from it with a greater understanding of the life and work of a protestant clergyman.

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The Rev. John C. Leffler, rector of St. Luke's, was made Vice-President of the San Francisco Church Federation at the annual meeting in January.

Both the Presiding Bishop's Lenten book "Not By Bread Alone," and "Victory With Christ," by Bishop Parsons, may be obtained from the Church Book Shop.

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Bishop Block will celebrate the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. A. Ronald Merrixx, Sumner Walters, Walter Williams and Marcus Hitchcock. Mr. Willoughby Williams, organist and choirmaster of St. Peters, will conduct the music.

The program will begin at nine with breakfast in the Parish House.

The principal address will be made by Mr. Henry Clausen on the subject "Washington and the Fires of Faith." Mr. Clausen has held the post of Grand Orator of the Masonic Lodge. He has devoted much thought and study to the bibliography of Washington and we are assured of an inspirational address. The life of George Washington, not only as citizen, but as churchman, holds for us lessons as immortal as those he fought for and it is well we think of them particularly on his birthday.

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- 3—Peninsula Institute at San Jose.
- 5—Conference for East Bay Leaders with Mrs. Harold Woodward St. Margaret's House, Berkeley.
- 6—Conference for San Francisco Leaders with Mrs. Harold Woodward, Cathedral House, San Francisco.
- 10—Peninsula Institute, Burlingame.
- 24—Peninsula Institute, Palo Alto.

The Bishop's Calendar*February, 1942*

- 1-8—House of Bishops, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 5th and 12th—Bishop's Bible Class, Dean Wright.
- 15—St. Francis in the Woods, San Francisco, a. m.
- St. Barnabas, San Francisco, aft.
- Christ Church, San Francisco, p. m.

- 17—Diocesan Council and Dept. of Missions.
- 19—Bishop's Bible Class, 11 a. m.
- 20—Speaker, Glide Memorial Church, (World Day of Prayer), aft.
- 22—Grace Cathedral, San Francisco; Washington's Birthday Service, a. m. Good Shepherd, Berkeley, aft. St. Edmund's, Richmond, p. m.
- 26—Bishop's Bible Class.
- 27—Speaker, Richmond Rotary Club, noon.

March, 1942

- 1—St. Luke's, Hollister, a. m.
- St. Stephen's, Gilroy, aft.
- St. Paul's, Salinas, p. m.
- 5—Bishop's Bible Class, 11 a. m.
- 8—Grace Cathedral, a. m.
- Church of the Advent, San Francisco, p. m.
- 12—Bishop's Bible Class, 11 a. m.
- 15—All Saints', Carmel, a. m.
- St. John's, Del Monte, aft.
- St. Mary's by the Sea, Pacific Grove, p. m.

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